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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Robison

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For: DATA-FLOW METHOD FOR
OPTIMIZING EXCEPTION-HANDLING
INSTRUCTIONS IN PROGRAMS

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RESPONSE

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the referenced application be examined as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

A clean version of the claims are provided below and a version showing changes follows

the remarks per 37 U.S.C. §1.121(c). Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Once Amended) For a computer-executable program that operates on a data structure,

where the data structure must have a required state at selected program points, a method of

transforming said program comprising the steps of:

    (A)   analyzing the program to determine the state of said data structure at said selected

        program points;